

Applicants respectfully submit that the concept of cooling the heat-producing section by contact with the fuel channel is limited to a fuel cell which uses liquid fuel. In other words, separating the fuel-supply section of the fuel cell from its power-generating section and connecting both of the above-mentioned sections using the fuel channel make sense only in the fuel cell which uses liquid fuel.

In contrast, one would not envision the concept of cooling the heat-producing section using the fuel channel from a fuel cell which uses the hydrogen fuel, as disclosed in Uchida.

Further, the present invention has an advantage in that the fuel channel may be located at the heat-producing section, providing a degree of freedom in connection with a layout of the fuel tank (the fuel supply section) and the power-generating section of the fuel cell. With this structure, it is possible to increase the durability of the fuel tank because the temperature of the fuel tank is kept at about room temperature. Moreover, the power-generating section of the fuel cell can be supplied with the liquid fuel which has been heated by the heat producing section, promoting a chemical reaction in the power-generating section of the fuel cell. Thus, the structure according to the present invention is effective in generating large quantities of electric power.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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DRIVE METHOD

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

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Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the interview conducted on
January 29, 2008:

REMARKS

During the interview, the following was discussed:

1. Brief description of exhibits or demonstration: N/A
2. Identification of claims discussed: All
3. Identification of art discussed: Uchida and Johnson
4. Identification of principal proposed amendments: N/A
5. Brief Identification of principal arguments: Applicants' representative discussed that
the presently claimed invention was distinct from the cited art.
6. Indication of other pertinent matters discussed: N/A

7. Results of Interview: Applicants' representative indicated that Applicants would take the Examiner's comments into consideration when filing an appropriate response.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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